Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Professionals who practice in South Dakota's medical laboratories, including chemists, microbiologists, laboratory scientists, medical technicians and laboratory technicians, are invaluable members of the health care system; and,

Whereas, These well-educated and highly trained health professionals affect countless lives each day by performing and evaluating laboratory test to detect disease, diagnose illness, ensure food and water safety, identify disease outbreaks, and prevent diseases; and,

Whereas, Their dedication to quality testing and public health is demonstrated daily in many laboratories across the state of South Dakota; and,

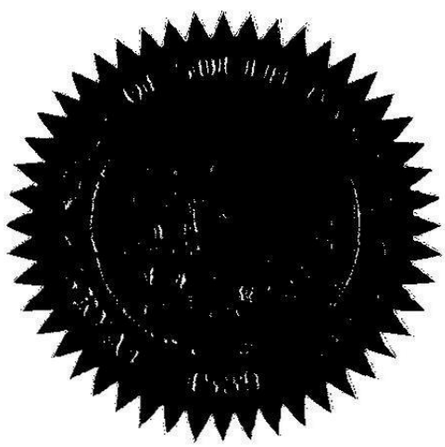
Whereas, Laboratory medicine is an honorable profession, vital to sustaining a high standard of health; and,

Whereas, National Medical Laboratory Week is observed each year in recognition of the role medical laboratories play in the nation's health care system; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2004, as

MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State